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PARIS FOR CUSTOMS ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPRS PO

SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM PORTUGAL

REF: LISBON 4856

1. A SOLUTION OF SORTS HAS BEEN COBBLED TOGETHER TO BREAK THE IMPASSE DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. FOR NEARLY THREE MONTHS, THIS IMPASSE HAS PREVENTED SOME AMERICANS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS FROM SHIPPING ALL OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD GOODS WHEN LEAVING PORTUGAL.

2. THE MINISTER OF FINANCE IN THE FIFTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT MADE THE DECISION TO HAVE EACH CASE DECIDED INDIVIDUALLY BY HIS OFFICE. AS A RESULT, NEARLY ALL OF THE AMERICANS WHO HAD CASES PENDING HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION TO REMOVE THEIR VALUABLES AND ART OBJECTS. FINAL PROCESSING IS STILL DELAYED BY BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, BUT MOST CASES SEEM TO BE ON THE WAY TO A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION.

3. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT THIS TEMPORARY SOLUTION DEPENDS ON THE PERSONAL OGGD WILL OF THE CURRENT MINISTER OF FINANCE OR WHETHER THIS SAME PROCEDURE WILL BE CARRIED ON BY HIS SUCCESSOR IN THE SIXTH GOVERNMENT NOW BEING FORMED. IT IS OUR GUESS THAT THE SENIOR CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE

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THE SYSTEM UNTIL THE BASIC DECREE LAW CAN BE AMENDED.

4. IN THE MEANTIME, WE KNOW OF NO CASE OF AN AMERICAN THAT IS  
BEING HELD UP SOLELY ON ACCOUNT OF THE PROVISIONS OF DECREE LAW  
181/74.

5. PLEASE INFORM EUR/WE.  
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